
City of Frankfort

SEWER DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Sewer Department Open House Big Success

The Sewer Department held an open house on Thursday, May 24, at the newly renovated wastewater treatment plant to show the general public, various elected officials and others the facilities. Notable attendees included Mayor William I. May, Jr. and his wife, City Commissioners Robert Roach, Sallye Hill Stumbo and Lynn Bowers, County Judge Executive Teresa Barton and Deputy County Judge Fred Goins.

"We were quite pleased with the overall turnout and the weather was perfect," said Bill Scalf, Department Director. "We couldn't have asked for a better Open House," said Scalf.

The wastewater treatment plant was originally constructed in 1955-57 with grit removal, primary settling basins, a sludge thickener and two-stage anaerobic digestion with sludge drying beds. Chlorine was used for disinfecting prior to discharge into the Kentucky River. In 1978-80, the wastewater treatment plant expanded with the addition of new oxidation ditches for secondary treatment. The disinfecting process was changed from Chlorine to Ozone, which is more efficient and environmentally safer. This was a state of the art design and the first of its kind in Kentucky.

The recent expansion increased the plant from a 6.6 MGD (Million Gallons per Day) facility to a 9.9 MGD facility. This increase provides adequate additional capacity to serve the needs of the Frankfort community for the immediate future and will most likely allow its use for basic treatment of combined sewage wastewater some of which has the potential to overflow.

The public is invited to visit the treatment plant weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have a group or organization that might be interested in a tour, please call so arrangements can be made.

Currently the cost to the public to have wastewater treated is \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons of water used. This rate has not changed since 1996 and is one of the lowest sewer service rates in the state.



*Newly Renovated Frankfort Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Photo Compliments of Judy Construction Co.)*

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- **Bill Scalf** Director
- **Robert Barker** Deputy for Collection System Operation and Expansion
- **Bob Oerther** Deputy Director of Operations
- **Carol Atha** Administrative Aide

New Development Standards for Sewer Construction Coming Soon!

Department. Any plans submitted with deviations from our published standards, without prior approval by the Department, could slow the approval process.

NEED A SPEAKER?

WANT TO LEARN ABOUT UNDERGROUND FRANKFORT?

The Sewer Department is willing to provide a speaker for school presentations and club or organization meetings. Please give us a call at 875-2448 to schedule.

Summer Time at the Swimming Pool

Summer is upon us and it is time to dust off the lawn furniture, clean out the swimming pool and kick back on the patio. The Sewer Department wishes to remind all homeowners who own swimming pools that once a year we offer a 100 percent refund on their sewer bill for the water used to fill their swimming pools. Refunds are NOT made for summer water usage associated with lawn/landscape watering, garden watering, and vehicle washing, or filling of hot tubs, spas or fishponds. If you have questions concerning a sewer refund contact, Bob Oerther at the Sewer Department.

Employee Tidbits

Sandy Ethington came on board in April, 2001 as an Office Assistant. Retired from the Department of Corrections at State government and a native of Harlan County, Kentucky, she has one daughter and two Pekinese that keep her busy. Sandy enjoys reading, boating and water aerobics. She has just recently purchased a new home in rural Franklin County.

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Michael Branham joined our wastewater treatment operation as Plant Operator I in April, 2001. He and his wife of 36 years Shirley, have two sons and one grandson. Mike is a native of Ashland, Kentucky and is retired from Columbia Gas of Kentucky. He served as an aircraft mechanic in the service and was a patrol officer in Ashland for several years. Mike enjoys fishing and hunting in his spare time.

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Congratulations are in order for Dennis Blair, Eugene Moore and Stanley Green who recently passed their Class IV Operator's Certification. All other operators recertified through the next two years.

Focus on Robert Barker, Deputy for Collection System Operation and Expansion



Robert began employment with the Sewer Department in January, 1981 as Plant Operator I in the wastewater treatment plant and has steadily advanced in all phases. As Deputy for Collection System Operation & Expansion, Robert plans, coordinates and evaluates all activities and programs involving the construction and maintenance of sanitary sewer lines, wastewater lift stations and service installations. Robert is committed to providing first-rate customer service and works closely with the development community. He also serves on the Technical Review Committee for Frankfort-Franklin County Planning Commission.

Robert oversees and reviews all preliminary plans of expansion of sewers in Frankfort and Franklin County. Robert also issues applications and approves permits for sewer taps as well as ensures that new customers are placed on appropriate billing list. Robert oversees all phases of testing performed on new sewer lines and pump stations. Robert communicates almost daily with the city and county planning directors regarding planning and growth issues related to the sewer department in the Frankfort/Franklin County community.

Robert is a crucial part of the FSD organization.

DO YOU KNOW OUR HISTORY...?

Some of the City's sewer system is alleged to be over 125 years old but we can't prove it. Can you help? Send us information of sources we might research. If you have any old photographs of the system let us know. ❖

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